

PIEDMONT CHAPTER, MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

NOVEMBER 21, 2019 DINNER MEETING MINUTES

The dinner meeting was held at Tuckers and called to order at 1825 by President Wayne Watson who welcomed all members and guests. Guests included Mr. & Mrs. George Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Lutz (new member), Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Stevens, Major, U.S. Army, Capt. and Mrs. Carl Sharpenson, Jerry and Audry Rickstool (new member), and David Cox

The invocation was delivered followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President's comments included:

1. Our Chapter has increased our "recruiting range" to include areas near Greenville (presently, Greenville no longer has a chapter). We also made a change to our bylaws in an effort to make the Piedmont Chapter more inclusive by including Non-Commissioned Officers.
2. MOAA will push next year for South Carolina to also enact the no-state income tax on military pay.
3. Chiropractic and acupuncture services could be covered by Tricare. Free flu shots are available at several locations in the area
4. Military retirees, those who receive disability or other benefits from the VA, federal retirees and Social Security recipients will see a 1.6% increase.

Dinner was served.

George and Pat Smith who represent the Camp Toccoa Project in Toccoa, Georgia, were introduced. Camp Toccoa was one of the training locations for what later became known as Band of Brothers. This story was made into the TV mini-series recounting the history of the men of Easy Company, 101st Airborne from early training to D-Day to the end of World War II in Europe.

Art Phillips reminded us that the Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held Saturday, December 14, 12:00, at M.J. Dolly Cooper Cemetery. The speaker will be Michael Cogwell from Channel 4 News.

Judy Jones won the door prize and a 75<sup>th</sup> Camp Toccoa Anniversary coin (donated by Camp Toccoa).

The next dinner meeting will be held at the Anderson County Museum (Greenville Street) on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 11:30.

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3, 1800, at the Anderson County Library.

The Benediction was delivered. The meeting adjourned at 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jacobs, Secretary